

PRAYER LETTER NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2020

„...This is my gospel, for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God’s word is not chained. Therefore, I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.” (2Tm.2,8b-10)

The Apostle Paul gave us a beautiful testimony in this passage. It suggests that despite having limited physical abilities to work for the Lord, the Word of God always found a way to reach others even through blockades. The Word of God knows no restrictions and cannot be tied. We have had similar experiences lately: even though we’ve been in lockdown for over a month, we keep finding new ways to share the Gospel.

Let me share an encouraging testimony with you. Adrian became a Christian some time ago. He had spent a few months in prison for vandalism and fights. When in prison, he accepted Jesus as his Lord and Saviour. When he came out, he very quickly found our church. For the last six months, he has been attending every meeting, whenever possible, asking us to pray for his inmate friends who aren’t saved.

One day, I gave him a CD I had received from a radio station, describing the conversion of some prisoners and their walk with the Lord in prison and after their release. I thought it was a perfect gift for Adrian. Adrian accepted it but instead of opening it, he sent it to his former inmate who was still in prison. After listening to it, that friend burst into tears and called out to the Lord. After his conversion, he passed the CD on to another prisoner, and that one to another and so on. Not all prisoners have become converted, but most of them have been deeply touched by it, and there is a queue to listen to this CD. Almost every prisoner wants to hear this story on the CD of a man who had been sentenced to a few years in prison, who shortly before he was released, gave his life to Jesus and confessed all his sins and crimes. This caused him to get another sentence of more than a dozen years imprisonment. All the convicts want to hear the story about the One who causes such changes in people: Jesus Christ.

Although we are not allowed to visit prisoners during lockdown, the Word of God has been doing its work there, but it’s not the end of the story.

We were very pleased to hear about how the prisoners responded to the CD, so I gave Adrian a new copy for him to keep. In the meantime, it appeared that his trial had come to an end which to him meant he’d have to go back to prison for things he had done before he became a Christian. Obediently, holding the CD with testimonies in his hand, Adrian showed up to serve his sentence, believing that perhaps the Lord still needed him to share the Gospel with other prisoners.

There, he had a thought that a prison warden might want to listen to his CD, so he requested a meeting. After a week, Adrian finally had the opportunity to share his testimony with him and express his willingness to help other prisoners. May I add that Adrian is a man of substantial build that demands respect. The prison warden, together with a psychologist and a therapist, listened to the CD and asked whether they could play it via the prison radio in the hope that some prisoners might feel inspired and “come to their senses” like Adrian.

Therefore, in this prison (a different one from where Adrian was the first time) the prisoners listen to testimonies and ask to have them played daily via the prison radio.

In his free time, Adrian shares the Gospel with the prisoners. I have not witnessed such an apparent change in a man before. The first fruit of his conversion was the fact that he stopped demanding things. When he wrote to me from prison, there was no complaining or a list of things he needed. During his six months in our church, he was always ready to help and, being well-built, he’d always show up early to set out tables for the Bible study.

We pray for him and want to visit him in prison as soon as this is allowed and safe to do so.

We pray for Mariusz who returned to the path of faith after 25 years, listening to our online services. I was hugely surprised when he messaged me on social media. He was my friend and the first person who told me about Jesus but didn't persevere and soon after he'd shared the Gospel with me, he walked away from the Lord.

I met with Mariusz and I could see how wonderful things God had done in his life. He has had some setbacks too: divorce, his parents' death. He lives with his teenage daughter, who is pleased her dad has stopped drinking and has turned to God.

We pray for Grzegorz (you read his testimony in our previous prayer letter). We have started meetings leading up to his baptism, which we hope to take place in spring. Grzegorz is struggling with e-cigarettes; he hasn't smoked a real cigarette in 10 years. He's been challenged by the idea that, in the era of technological advances, 'e-sin' is still the same sin as any other, described in the Bible. Unfortunately, in the times we live in, people have become 'the inventors of evil,' and even some of the useful things that have been created have been 'marred by sin.' Pornography is one example of such sin.

However, Jesus gave us the Truth that conquers all sin and gives freedom. He also said that when He sets us free, we are truly free. We want to pray for total freedom for Grzegorz and would like to ask you to join us.

Please pray for our yearly street evangelism to celebrate Children's Day (December 6th), which took place 4th-5th December (this past weekend). It was a successful event, during which we handed out 100 books "Coronavirus and Christ" and 150 other evangelistic books and New Testaments, as well as 250 Christian calendars and booklets for children called, "The medicine to treat fear of the virus." The people were very grateful; we had many interesting conversations with people, and we invited some of them to our church. Please pray that those conversations and literature would bear fruit for the Lord.

We pray for Mateusz, our brother in Christ, who has been in hospital for two weeks on a ventilator and in a coma due to covid-19. He suffers from extensive pulmonary insufficiency. Unfortunately, he's had a clot in his heart, which is life-threatening. He is 30 years old and has no underlying health conditions. Doctors describe his condition as severe but stable. They believe that his young body will defeat the virus and the clot will be dissolved pharmacologically. We also believe that the life he gave to Jesus (a month before he fell ill) is in the hands of the Lord and we pray that, if it is His will, He will keep him alive.

Thank you for your cooperation and prayers. This encourages us greatly that you think about and care for us. May the Lord bless you abundantly in 2021.

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